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starts the day for thousandsLink-Up With Russians Likely This
Week-End As Huns Approach Utter CollapseNAZI GERMANY IN ITS
LAST DYING HOURS

INDICATIONS from the Western front are that this week-end will prove the most historic of the whole war. Nazi Germany is in its last dying hours. The Third Reich, sundered by armoured divisions thrusting ever more quickly towards Berlin, Dresden, Hamburg and Emden, is only a shell; and the end of organised resistance by the German Army as a whole can be regarded as imminent.

Big News In
Next 24 HoursCities
Falling
Like
Ninepins

From SEAGHAN MAYNES

With the U.S. Third Army

Saturday.

THE next 24 hours are

likely to bring momen-

tous news, as soon as

General Patton's tank

columns with radio trans-

mitters break into the

clear.

German cities are falling

like ninepins. Ever river

defences, such as the

Saale, the Wesel and the

Rhine, running parallel,

have been crossed with little

difficulty.

The fighting columns have

made sensational advances in

the past 24 hours. The town of

Zell, 20 miles south of

Leipzig, has been cleared

of its garrison after crossing

the Weser. In Gera, 30 miles

south of Leipzig.

'13 Miles To
Berlin'

—Radio Report

LUXEMBOURG—Radio an-

nounced last night that

Allied tank spearheads are

now only 13 miles from

Berlin. The radio added that

the river Elbe has been

crossed at two places.

One of the crossings was

made at Tangermünde and

the other at the confluence of

the Elbe and the Havel.

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In the north, in the centre and in the south the German forces are in the final stages of disintegration. Montgomery's drive into Holland and Prussia has cracked Nazi resistance.

Our tanks are only a few miles from the North Sea. Four armoured divisions, bypassing Leipzig to the south, are only 18 miles from the Czech border. Simpson's 9th Army, after a new crossing of the Elbe, is only 40 miles from Berlin and about 70 from the Russians now attacking the German capital frontally from the east.

Patton's tanks, now well on the way to split Germany in two, have crushed all semblance of organised resistance. Hour by hour the pace grows hotter as the gap between the Americans and the Russians, now just over 80 miles away at Goritz, dwindles.

The shattered Wehrmacht on this front, with its communications cut to ribbons, has been unable to create any organised defence line. AND NOW PATTON'S ARMOUR IS ROARING AHEAD WELL ON THE WAY TO TAKING GERMANY'S EAST FRONT ARMY IN THE REAR.

Any time now may come the momentous news that Hitler's "last stand" area at Berchtesgaden has been cut off from Berlin and Northern Germany.

Prisoners are pouring in. On Thursday in the west the Allied bag was 38,271; on Friday the U.S. 1st Army alone took 34,847—believed to be a record for all armies.

Monty's divisions are romping over the Oldenburg Plains and Northern Holland against lightning resistance. Hamburg, the Reich's No. 1 port, is less than 50 miles away. AND BETWEEN OUR ARMOUR AND THIS VAST CITY THERE IS VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO STEM THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

Spearheads of the crack 15th Scottish Division are heading the chase towards the Elbe in the British sector. They raced more than 30 miles across desolate heathland to within 20 miles of the river.

On the British left flank Polish units of the Canadian 1st Army have smashed forward to a point only seven miles from the North Sea. They, too, are advancing virtually unopposed. Emden itself is now less than 15 miles away.

SIMPSON HOLDS 85
MILES OF THE ELBE

In their wild scramble across the Elbe, the Germans used double-decker buses, petrol wagons and hundreds of lorries—indicating that the battle along the whole of Monty's front is now in its final stages.

But Patton's 3rd and Simpson's 9th supply the highlights. Simpson's divisions are on or across the Elbe on a front 85 miles long. One of these is an infantry division; and the fact that these U.S. forces were able to stab on across the river within 48 hours indicates the dwindling hope of any Wehrmacht stand west of Berlin.

Hodges' 1st U.S. Army is on the move, too. The 9th Armoured Division has reached the Pleisse River at Bergisdorf, 15 miles south of Leipzig.

First Army spearheads on Patton's northern flank have also leapt forward in sensational style. Yesterday they reached a point just south of Dessau, 35 miles north of Leipzig.

All the time the Ruhr pocket, now less than one-fourth of its original size, is shrinking. It has almost ceased to be a military problem. The 1st and 9th Armies have taken more than 114,000 prisoners from the pocket—74,000 of them by Hodges' 1st Army. Messages from Reuter, B.U.P., A.P. and Exchange.

General Simpson's rapid advance towards Berlin has been stopped by the fiercest resistance 9th Army troops have encountered since the days of the Roer river battle, said an American radio commentator in a dispatch from the Elbe river front last night.

It was expected, the last advance of Berlin, the city of the Reich, was the correspondent said.

"I am speaking from a Nazi source," the correspondent said. "The German High Command has ordered the evacuation of Berlin. It is expected that the city will be captured by the Allies within a few days."

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Pte. James Parry, of Newport, who took part in an attack near Bohren, was in a house surrounded by Germans. He feigned death and saw the Huns put 15 of his comrades against a wall and shoot them.

'Mile-An-Hour' Scottish
MONTY'S DRIVE TO
THE ELBE

From DENIS MARTIN
21st Army Group H.Q., Saturday.

MONTGOMERY'S armoured and infantry spearheads, threatening to cut off the entire North Sea coast and Denmark by a great outflanking drive to the Elbe, seem tonight to be punching into the heart of Prussia.

The "mile-an-hour" 15th Scottish Division clocked off 12 more miles today, and tonight are at Elbe with Hitler youths in the town of Uelzen.

German boys are using bazookas against the Scots vanguard, but the relentless advance continues and the river should be reached by tomorrow night if the present rate of 32 miles advance in 36 hours is maintained.

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More Bombs
For Germany

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SAW HUNS
SHOOT HIS
COMRADESTENSION MOUNTS ON EAST FRONT
AS SOVIET GUNS AWAIT THEIR FIRE ORDERS'Russian Blizzard'
Is Coming' Berlin

BY OUR MILITARY COMMENTATOR

THE Russians are about to strike for Berlin from the east as the Allies drive in from the west. That was the theme of the German military correspondents yesterday, and they backed it up with evidence to show that Stalin's final assault would come at any moment.

This was Col. von Olberg speaking: "The battle in the Vienna area is put in the shade by the immediately imminent great offensive of Marshal Zhukov and Marshal Konev on the Oder and Neisse."

"The Russians are busily clearing the minefields in the Kievers sector and around Forst on the Neisse. These are only some of the indications of the big offensive."

And last night Col. von Hammer, German News Agency correspondent, said:

"The Russians today launched a number of attacks in regimental strength from their bridgehead in the Frankfurt-Kievers sector. The attacks were made with tank support and after intensive artillery preparation."

"It can safely be assumed that Russian High Command will shortly give signal for general attack on Berlin," Hammer added.

The Soviet High Command was apparently still probing the strength of the German front and fighting was still in a preparatory nature.

"NUMBERED HOURS"

On the Russian side, too, the front is now in a state of acute tension, cables Reuter's Moscow correspondent, and it is believed that the death-blow of the Nazis is on the point of being launched.

"Pravda" yesterday said that even greater efforts by the Red Army and a very speedy end of the war. "Germany's hours are numbered," it stated.

Berlin, attempting to predict Stalin's battle plan, said that he would make a triple drive along Hitler's motor highways—

1. Rokossovsky to push south from Stettin.
2. Zhukov to advance from his Oder bridgeheads.
3. Konev to thrust north from the River Neisse.

At the same time, according to Berlin expectations, the Russian High Command was also pushing in the direction of Dresden to link up with Patton.

Forecast of this kind were given by the German radio repeatedly during the day, apparently with the object of steeling the German people in advance.

But there was not one word of hope that the Russian storm could be averted.

"The German High Command," the radio said, "has been seeking for a single division in the line along its whole length from the mountains of Czechoslovakia to the mountains of the Balkans."

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14th Sweep Into
Confused Japs

SWEEPING south and east from the Mekitla area of South Mandalay, 14th Army columns are meeting only confused opposition from the remnants of the Japanese force fleeing towards the Shan States. Michael Macdonald, Reuter's special correspondent, reported from advance H.Q. in Alifan, yesterday.

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Grim Atrocity Sequel

GERMANS PAY-WITH
THEIR BARE HANDS

From CHRIS CUNNINGHAM, B.I.P. War Correspondent

Nordhausen, Saturday.

THE Germans are being made for the first time to pay for their sins—with their bare hands, in a stark, practical way that they will never forget.

It was on Friday the 13th at Nordhausen, a smug Nazi town where the Germans had indulged in some of the cruelest acts of sadism ever committed.

Major David Paulete, of the U.S. Army, was supervising the burial of some 1,700 Allied prisoners who were either starved to death or killed.

At this concentration camp inhuman Sturm Troopers had been putting a large hole through the mouths of each prisoner and tearing him hanging for a day as an example to the civilians in this industrial area.

There were many other cases of brutality, too numerous to mention, but this one will suffice.

When it came to giving these 1,700 decent burials, the civilians of Nordhausen were made to do the job of digging the dead out from the ruins of the camp with their bare hands.

There was a series of long rows of six-foot trenches in which the bodies of the dead were buried side by side two feet apart.

HAD HEART ATTACK

In spite of their violent objections the Germans made little, other than to the ruins and brought out the Nazis victims.

Other squads were put to work digging graves in the communal cemetery overlooking the town. In groups of four the civilians carried the bodies to the graves. Most were violently hit by a body to the cemetery.

One man fell with what might have been a heart attack as he helped take a body to the cemetery.

The said no attention but just left him writhing there, one of the soldiers told me.

It was a day of vengeance, the first time, as far as is known, that the Allies have made the Germans pay for their sins.

Among the bodies were those of Russians, Poles, Czechs, Belgians and other nationalities. Two Poles, searching, found one wife, who had died of starvation in the camp. Her body was no bigger than a child's. The two men burst into hysterics as they found her.

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Drive Opens
For Nuremberg

With U.S. 7th Army

Saturday.

The 7th Army today opened

the drive for Nuremberg, Nazi

festival city and one of the

most important of the

Hitler centres of the Middle

East. The drive was

launched in Wagner's

quarter.

Reuter said U.S. troops

had reported 25 miles from

Nuremberg.

The Jigsaw Puzzle Of Europe

THOUGH every living German will have to contribute to the rehabilitation of the Europe they have ravaged—in blood, sweat, tears and hunger if need be—22,000,000 displaced Germans will have to be fitted into their places in the overall jigsaw puzzle before the rebuilding of Europe can start.

NAZI BASTIONS WILL SOON BE BLOTTED OUT

THE time has come to consider the situation west of the Elbe as the first stage in the occupation of the Reich rather than the final phase of the battle of Germany.

Never in the history of war has any nation, especially one so steeped in military tradition, been so completely defeated in every way as has Hitler's Germany.

While it is true that an organized Reichwehr line still exists somewhere east of Berlin, a simple addition sum of the events of the past few weeks suggests that the order will crumble away like so much as Zhukov strikes in force.

The Germans themselves expect it. For our reconnaissance planes report that they are rushing to rush more and more supplies to their last ditch inner fortresses, which I described recently, behind the Baerbarian Axis.

Many military experts have recently been stressing that we must expect a good deal of savage fighting in the last weeks of the war. The European war has been "officially" closed.

Parts of Norway, North Italy and other places have been declared as Nazi bastions where the struggle will be fought out to the end.

It seems to me, however, that the purely military point of view, paradoxically enough because of the Allies' own military genius, has now become the least important factor in the European struggle. The decisive battles have been fought and won. Only the clearance remains.

Allowing that several regiments of fanatical Nazis decide to fight it out in those last remaining bastions—what then?

As I see it, such fighting should be over almost as soon as begun, for the simple reason that all Anglo-Soviet might can be concentrated at these points generally to blot them out of existence without delay.

In such circumstances I cannot see how any German, let alone a propaganda boasts of long and arduous resistance till every Allied soldier is killed.

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Far more important, then, it is surely to face the manifold difficulties of the occupation. Some of these already show signs of becoming major problems. All of them affect us closely and directly.

Among the most immediate is the question of the "displaced persons" who are clattering to the roads and blocking the Allied internal economy plans for the whole of the Reich.

Altogether these displaced persons number less than 25,000,000 by the time organized Reichwehr resistance ends. There are about 10,000,000 slave workers, from every country in Europe, about 60 per cent. are Poles and Russians who find it the quickest deal with, but to find transport, homes and settlement for the remaining millions and create many international problems which will call for very delicate handling.

The remaining 22,000,000 are placed persons are Reich nationals, refugees in their own country. Following the suicidal Nazi policy they have been driven anywhere, their homes and cities shattered and their only heritage a black future.

No personal pity need be wasted on this, for this disaster is of their own making, but though every living German will have to contribute to the rehabilitation of the Europe they have ravaged—if need be—these displaced persons will have to be fitted into their places in the overall jigsaw puzzle before the rebuilding of Europe can start.

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Plans Ready To Bring Home 5,000 Evacuees

A SCHEME for the return of evacuees from the Provinces to the Greater London area is all ready. It will be put in operation only when the Government thinks it is safe for them to come back.

There are about 500,000 evacuees, mainly women and children, accommodated under the official scheme. Only those who have homes awaiting them in London will be given assistance to return at present.

The Minister of Health, Mr. Willink, has asked local authorities to make preliminary arrangements now so that all will work smoothly when he gives the word.

There will be no stampede back. The evacuees will return generally in special trains which, it is expected, will begin to run about one month after he gives the signal to operate the scheme.

"It is to ensure the return in an organized and orderly fashion with the minimum of delay. Evacuee organizations if the movement will take time, and it is important that evacuees should be encouraged to wait for the planned movement and not anticipate it."

The scheme is broadly divided into three stages.

(1) LOCAL PLANNING: Local authorities throughout the country are asked to appoint an officer who will be in complete charge of local operations according to a carefully planned timetable.

(2) ACTION: On the Minister's signal to start, the operational machinery will be put in motion according to a carefully planned timetable.

(3) TRAVEL: Mothers with children will be brought home first. Their trains will begin to run about 20 days after the Minister's signal to start.

Unaccompanied children will begin to return by special trains about 40 days after the commencement of the evacuation.

Where the numbers are not sufficient for a special train, reserved coaches, free travel vouchers will be issued.

Of evacuees who have no homes to return to, Mr. Willink states: "The Government is prepared to meet the difficulties in London it is of the utmost importance that evacuees should have adequate accommodation immediately available in the home areas where they are to be accommodated or encouraged to return there."

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Three Husbands At 25!

WHEN Joyce Margaret Vaggs, aged twenty-seven, was charged at Lincoln yesterday with obtaining £6 from the Post Office by false pretences, it was stated that she had had three husbands, two of whom had been killed in the present war, and that she had used their names for drawing cheques.

Her present husband was serving in East Africa. The police said the authorities had been trying to trace Vaggs for two years.

She was remanded in custody.

Five Die In Bus Fire

DOCTORS, nurses and rescue parties worked heroically on the roadside at Kirby Liverpool, yesterday, to save the lives of passengers trapped by fire after a collision between a bus and a tram.

Five people are dead. The charred bodies of three were recovered from the blazing wreckage, while two of the most seriously injured are still in hospital.

The bus, which was carrying about thirty passengers, was involved in a collision with a Liverpool tram.

The petrol tank of the bus burst, and in a few moments it was an inferno of flame. The flames, which even passengers were travelling, was also on fire.

A factory fire brigade fought the bus for an hour.

FOUR ON TRIAL FOR DISAFFECTION

THREE men and a woman will be charged during the new session at the Old Bailey on Tuesday, with conspiring to endeavour to seduce members of the Forces from their duties and to cause disaffection likely to lead to breaches of the Defence Regulations.

They are Dr. John Christopher Hewson, aged thirty-two, Vernon Richards, twenty-nine, civil engineer, Philip Richard Saxson, twenty-eight, commercial artist, and Marie Louise Richards, twenty-eight, secretary.

The four were committed to Marylebone Magistrate's Court, where they were committed for four months for trial on a charge of attempting to murder three men in Camden Town Underground station.

Soldier's 'Ingenious Frauds'

Lance Corporal Clifford Bennett, aged thirty, of the East Surrey Regt., was sent to prison at Hyde Quarter Sessions yesterday for four months for what the Recorder, Mr. Cresswell, described as a series of "ingeniously contrived and elaborately executed frauds."

Bennett admitted opening a Postal Office Savings account and by extracting pages from his book and substituting for them pages from books belonging to his wife and sister-in-law obtaining £82 after having paid in only £25 2s. 6d.

RISE IN SMALL SAVINGS

Total of "small" savings for last week was £11,853,872, or a total of £2,628,600 from the sale of Savings Certificates, £2,116,000 from the sale of War Bonds, and £7,111,853 from the sale of Post Office and Trustee Savings Bank stamps.

The previous week's total was £11,813,085.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

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Jolly good biscuits!

Muriel is making her biscuit 'last'. Tantalizing for Bobby, who has already eaten his, and is sure to be as tempting. They are made in model factories from the finest ingredients—blended with a skill that gives extra richness to each recipe. And finally, they are baked to perfection in the Weston way. Crisp and appetizing, deliciously different.

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ALL THAT'S BEST IN BISCUITS

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